

## GROUP OF STARS THRILLS AUDIENCE

Wednesday Club Festival Reaches  
Rousing Climax at City  
Auditorium.

## SURPASSES FORMER EFFORTS

Amato, Hempel, Homer and Bras-  
lau Divide Applause With  
Conductor Hageman.

BY DOUGLAS GORDON.

Wholly satisfying as was the opening concert on Monday night of the Wednesday Club's twenty-first annual music festival, it was only a foretaste, a suggestion, of what was to come. For the festival proceeded and progressed with two more concerts yesterday, each aiming at and each attaining a higher point than the one preceding, until with the final concert last night a brilliant and blazing climax was reached.

For the matinee the club offered a program that was distinctively different from any that has heretofore been heard in Richmond, in that it was composed entirely of selections from the works of one man, and that the greatest of all—Richard Wagner.

Both those who delight in the melodies that abound in Wagner's operas and studies and those who feel exalted when the splendors of the mighty German's scores are disclosed again, rejoiced with exceeding great joy during this superb concert. But that was to be expected, for it was to the point, what more fully justifies the action of the club's officers and music committee, is that even those who love to say that Wagner is "beyond" them sat thrilled throughout the whole concert, absorbing the beauties of the love scenes, of the "Tristan and Isolde" studies, hushed by the solemnity of the "Good Friday Music" from "Parsifal," and startled, amazed and uplifted by the overwhelming glory of the "Ride of the Valkyries."

## RICHARD HAGEMAN

### JUSTIFIES HIS REPUTATION

Introducing practically every theme in the opera, the overture to one of the most melodious of all, "The Flying Dutchman," opened the concert. With this number, Richard Hageman, the Metropolitan conductor, began to justify his reputation. Having his men well in hand, he led the orchestra admirably upon his orchestra, leading it—not merely beating time for it—with a decided and purposeful beat, accomplishing every effect that he desired without conscious motion of hands, arms or body, while he maintained an admirable balance among his strings, wood-wind and brass.

## LOUISE HOMER'S VOICE

### ECHOED THROUGH BUILDING

There is little that remains to be said of Louise Homer, except that she was in the best voice that Richmond has ever been so fortunate as to hear. Her great, round and polished like ivory, her wonderful color palette, and ebbed through the huge building, or ducked and grew sombre and yet carried in its sorrowful intent to the farthest row of seats under the sound of the orchestra. In the "Adriano" she sang in a volume that she would never have dared permit save when he was playing for one of the great voices of the earth, and still the glorious contralto pealed out over and through and above its ordered clangor.

## THAT SANG THE "MY HEART AT THEY"

Then she sang the "My Heart at They" from "Samson and Delilah," and the audience was again from "Tristan and Isolde," in which she sang as few women in the world could, she gave, accompanied by Mr. Hageman at the piano, one of Mr. Homer's songs, and closed with another great aria with the orchestra—of "Meyerbeer," memory serve.

Such of the "Good Friday Music" as could be heard was sublime, but most was utterly ruined by the roar of the heavy traffic and by the less clamor of a boiler factory or the clanking of a street car. The Wednesday Club has the most brilliant and complete and perfect program that the world has ever known, and it was a pity that the old five-concert plan still obtained.

## NIGHT CONCERT REACHES

### ROUSING CLIMAX

But at night nothing was omitted to bring the festival to a conclusion with a concert so varied and so surpassingly good in its infinite variety that for the first time in years, one wished that the old five-concert plan still obtained.

While the afternoon concert was perhaps the soundest, so to speak, that at night was easily the most brilliant and that a Richmond audience has ever heard. Two of the greatest singers in the world, the most beautiful soprano, quate Amato—and one, Sophie Braslau, who seems destined to join the ranks of the world's great sopranos, and gave freely, generously, opulently, while the audience received rapturously what they gave, and begged, clamored, for more and more and more.

All of us feel that we "discovered" Sophie Braslau, so that the fact that

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## I. O. O. F. AT LYNCHBURG

### More Than 1,000 Delegates Attend Sessions of Grand Lodge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Lynchburg, Va., May 12.—The grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Virginia met in annual session here this morning with more than 1,000 delegates present. At the same time grand lodge hall, the State assembly of the Rebekahs convened also in annual session.

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## APPROVES OF O'SHAUGHNESSY

President Wilson Thanks Charge  
for His Services for United  
States in Mexico.

## EXPECTS EXTENDED VACATION

Intimates That Chief Executive  
Has Broad and Firm View  
of Question.

Washington, May 12.—Nelson

O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affaires of the American embassy, at Mexico City, tonight told President Wilson the story of what happened in the Mexican capital during the days immediately preceding and following the occupation of Vera Cruz, and gave him an intimate picture of General Huerta.

It was the first time Mr. O'Shaughnessy had seen the President since his arrival in Washington last week. He was at the White House for more than an hour, and went away highly pleased with his reception.

The charge addressed the President that Huerta was a hard man, and not apt to yield his position as dictator easily. He expressed the opinion, however, that any government set up in Mexico, which has the support of the United States will stand.

VIEW OF WHOLE QUESTION

After he left the White House, Mr. O'Shaughnessy intimated that he believed President Wilson had a broad and firm view of the Mexican question. He quickly disposed of reports that he believed he had been badly treated by the administration. The President thanked him, he said, for his services in Mexico, and expressed approval of his course. No other post has been offered the charge, and he indicated that he expected to be allowed to take an extended vacation in the United States.

It is understood that Mr. O'Shaughnessy's account of General Huerta was such as to strengthen, if possible, the President's determination to force the elimination of the Mexican dictator.

He denied, however, that General Huerta was the drunkard that he has been painted in some quarters, and he also told the President he did not believe the Tampico incident had been planned by Huerta to bring about trouble with the United States.

HUERTA KNEW NOTHING

"General Huerta knew nothing about the Tampico affair," he said, "until I took it up with him."

Mr. O'Shaughnessy expressed fear for the safety of Louis d'Antin, left in charge of the American embassy building. He said that d'Antin, who was a Mexican, and that the man is constantly having disputes with Mexicans over the United States, and in that way his name is being spread.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy will continue for the present at least, to retain the title of first secretary of the American embassy, and will draw the salary attached to that post. He is expected to be in the city for a short time, and then to return to the United States.

TO LAY MATTER BEFORE POPE

Archbishop of Mexico at Vera Cruz on His Way to Rome.

Vera Cruz, May 12.—The Most Rev. Jose Maria de la Cruz, archbishop of Mexico, and the Right Rev. Jesus Maria Eschavarria, bishop of Saltillo, reached here today on the train for Mexico City, where they will remain for a few days before starting for Rome.

The archbishop and bishop are on their way to lay the Mexican situation before the Pope. It is believed that the archbishop has been requested to lay the Mexican situation before the Pope. It is believed that the archbishop has been requested to lay the Mexican situation before the Pope.

TO INDUCE HUERTA TO QUIT

The archbishop's efforts in the capital for months to induce Huerta to retire from the presidency have been known, and according to reliable reports he has been on more than one occasion that he favored intervention.

It was believed that that was the reason for his visit to Mexico.

The alleged determination of Villa to deal severely with the dignitaries of the church and the disorder with which the rebels, both north and south, regard those who wear robes of the church, and who have for a basis the financial assistance which the church has extended to Huerta.

NO RIGHT TO GAS MONOPOLY

Supreme Court of Appeals Rules Against City of Wheeling.

Charleston, W. Va., May 12.—The city of Wheeling has lost its battle to have a gas monopoly, according to a decision today by the Supreme Court of Appeals. Wheeling long has sold its municipal plant, and later acquired a supply of natural gas and sold that also.

Recently franchisees were granted to the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia, on the ground that the municipal supply was insufficient. The city sought to enjoin the company from retaining the franchise and lost the case in the court of last resort.

C. H. HIX WILL RETIRE

Tenders Resignation as President of Norfolk-Southern Railroad.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Norfolk, Va., May 12.—C. H. Hix, president of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on May 15.

Hix was elected president of the Norfolk-Southern in November, 1912, at which time he was vice-president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line. It is understood that he will retire from railroad work after a continuous service of thirty-five years.

The directors of the road will meet this week to act upon the resignation. No one has been mentioned as his probable successor.

Culberson Returns to Washington.

Washington, May 12.—Senator Culberson, of Texas, who has been absent from Washington for several months suffering from nervous prostration, today returned to the city. He did not appear at his office, however, and was not present when the Senate reconvened.

# ELIMINATION OF HUERTA PROPOSED IN PLAN TO BE OFFERED BY ENVOYS

"THEY HAVE SHOWN US THE WAY"



A Good Place to Begin.

Drawn by "Seal" for The Times-Dispatch.

## TEN THOUSAND SHRINERS TAKE PART IN PARADES

Spectacular Features in Connection With Imperial Council Meeting in Atlanta.

VIEWED BY MANY THOUSANDS

Different Patrols Executed Difficult Manoeuvres Along Line of March, While Spectators Cheer.

Atlanta, Ga., May 12.—Two parades viewed by tens of thousands, were held here today by the Mystic Shrine in connection with the annual meeting of the Imperial Council.

The parade was a spectacular one, headed by the bands of the various temples, the Shriner patrols, followed by the members of the different temples in formal dress, to-night marched in the annual night parade of the order.

The parade was estimated to have been the largest of the kind ever held in Atlanta. The march began at 7:30 o'clock and did not conclude until near midnight.

The morning parade, officially termed the Shrine parade, was held at 10 o'clock and was promptly at 8:30 o'clock and was not concluded until noon. The day was nearly perfect. Up to the very time of starting, excursion trains had poured visitors into the city until the throng was estimated as the greatest ever in Atlanta.

The Shrine patrols were resplendent as ever in their Oriental costumes. The color scheme of the parade seemed to have been carefully studied out, and the spectacle was one of ever-changing lines and shades.

SHOWED WITH APPLAUSE

ALONG ROUTE OF PARADE

The members of all the temples and cities were showered with applause and cheering, the famous 100,000,000 combined band of the California temples, which was the feature of the enthusiastic demonstration, which continued from one end of the line of march to the other.

The Imperial Council held its first meeting today. No business, however, was transacted. To-morrow it is expected that the place for the 1915 meeting and the selection of an imperial officer will be held.

Practically every one of the seventy-five temples was represented to-night in the parade. The different patrols executed difficult manoeuvres along the line of march, while the thousands of spectators cheered the spectacle.

In addition to the meeting of the Imperial Council to-morrow, the various patrols will hold formal drills, and the fifty-five bands will mass and play national airs.

THROUGH CANAL NEXT WEEK

Trip Expected to Be Made Under Regular Conditions.

Panama, May 12.—The first ship to pass through the Panama Canal under regular conditions will probably make the trip early next week. According to the Panama Canal Commission, the canal through Culebra will be completed about Thursday, and the steamer Pennsylvania, of the Pacific Mail Line, will make the passage of the canal in a few days.

COXLEY'S ARMY DIMINISHES

Eleven Remaining Members at Hagerstown on Way to Washington.

Hagerstown, Md., May 12.—General Jacob S. Coxey's army, on the march from Washington, reduced in numbers from fourteen to eleven by three of the party, arrived here today. The "deserters" remained here to work on the State road at Indiana Springs.

## ACTION ON TOLLS REPEAL BILL IS FAR IN FUTURE

Senate Cannot Reach Vote on Proposed Exemption for Ten Days or Two Weeks.

MANY TO SPEAK ON QUESTION

Senator Hoke Smith Argues for Measure—Senators Borah and Williams in Debate.

Washington, May 12.—It became known today that the Senate cannot reach a vote on the proposed Panama tolls repeal exemption for at least ten days or two weeks.

A half dozen Senators have announced their intention to speak on the tolls question, and several more gave similar notice today. It is probable that fifteen will have to be heard, and under the present arrangement with only one Senator speaking each day, action on the repeal bill is far in the future.

In the three hours it gave to today, the Senate listened to a speech by Senator Hoke Smith, who favors repeal, and to a debate between Senators Borah and Williams over regulation of the Panama Canal.

The bill, which would repeal the tolls, was introduced by Senator Smith, and led to a dispute between the United States and Great Britain several years ago.

Summarizing his objections to the bill, Senator Smith contended that the tolls were a necessary part of the Panama Canal, and that the repeal would stop at the ports of Cuba, Mexico, Central America, Panama, and perhaps elsewhere. Their cargoes will not be limited exclusively to bona fide coastwise traffic of the United States.

"Traffic from foreign countries will be unloaded at ports of the United States to be immediately reloaded in a coastwise vessel for passage through the canal to the opposite coast of the United States, thus in reality carrying through the canal foreign traffic in coastwise vessels without paying tolls," he said.

OF TOLLS LEGISLATION

The Senator reviewed the history of the Panama tolls legislation, said that the idea of the Democratic Senators and Congressmen in voting to free the coastwise trade from tolls was to give a subsidy to the coastwise ships, and declared that "those who seek to restrict the meaning of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty by picking here a word and there a word in disregard of the entire tenor of the treaty merely disclose the unscrupulous fact that the treaty intended to provide for the use of the canal without discrimination against any of the citizens of the United States."

He pointed out the conditions and charges of traffic for passing the commerce through the canal.

Mr. Smith outlined the interest which Canada and the countries of South America had in the tolls controversy, and argued that the United States really would surrender nothing by the repeal, and asserted that if a subsidy were to be granted to any vessels "it should be given to those engaged in the foreign trade which need help, not to those who engage in the coastwise trade already protected from foreign competition, already rich and prosperous."

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS URGED BY COMMITTEE

Wisdom of Creation of \$1,000,00